

Thursday, March 19, 1998

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S2237–S2349**

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1797–1806. **Page S2296**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 155, designating April 6 of each year as “National Tartan Day” to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States.

S. Res. 198, designating April 1, 1998, as “National Breast Cancer Survivors’ Day”. **Page S2295**

**Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts. **Pages S2285–90**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 38), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on the bill. **Page S2289**

By unanimous-consent agreement, the second cloture vote scheduled for today was postponed to occur on Tuesday, March 24, 1998. **Pages S2289–90**

**NATO Enlargement:** Senate resumed consideration of Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic (Treaty Doc. 105–36), with seven declarations and four conditions. **Pages S2251–65, S2268–81, S2284**

Senate will continue consideration of the Treaty on Friday, March 20, 1998.

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled “The National and Community Service Amendments Act of 1998”; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–113). **Page S2294**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Orson Swindle, of Hawaii, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1997.

Mozelle Willmont Thompson, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1996.

James E. Hall, of Tennessee, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years. **Pages S2348–49**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—38) **Page S2289**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, March 20, 1998. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record, on page S2348.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### APPROPRIATIONS—FCC/SEC

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from William E. Kennard, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Arthur Levitt, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 31.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held closed hearings to review certain intelligence matters, receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; and Keith Hall, Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 25.

## APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL/GAO/GPO

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, after receiving testimony in behalf of their respective activities from Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; James F. Hinchman, Acting Comptroller General, General Accounting Office; and Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

## APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Transportation, receiving testimony from Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation, Jane Garvey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Adm. Robert E. Kramek, USCG, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, all of the Department of Transportation.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 24.

## APPROPRIATIONS—VA/ARMY CEMETERIAL EXPENSES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Veterans Affairs and cemeterial expenses of the Army, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Togo West, Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and John Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 23.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 1,952 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

## NATO ENLARGEMENT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings to examine issues related to the proposed

ratification of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic (Treaty Doc. 105-36), pending on Senate Executive Calendar, focusing on the new missions and interests and military structure of NATO and its impact on Russia's economic restructuring, after receiving testimony from William J. Perry, former Secretary of Defense, William Kristol, Project for the New American Century, Susan Eisenhower, Center for Political and Strategic Studies, and William Hyland, all of Washington, D.C.

## AUTHORIZATION—DOE DEFENSE PROGRAMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for national defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of Energy's science-based stockpile stewardship and management program, receiving testimony from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, C. Paul Robinson, Director, Sandia National Laboratory, Bruce Tarter, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, John Browne, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Karen Clegg, Manager, Kansas City Plant, Gus Gustavson, Manager, Y-12 Plant, William Weinerich, Manager, Pantex Plant, and Joseph Buggy, Executive Vice President, Westinghouse Savannah River Company/Savannah River Plant, all of the Department of Energy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 24.

## 1999 BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* On Wednesday, March 18, committee ordered favorably reported an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

## GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation to reform and restructure the process by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, receiving testimony from Raymond C. Scheppach, National Governors' Association, and R. Timothy Columbus, Collier, Shannon, Rill & Scott, on behalf of the National Association of Convenience Stores, both of Washington, D.C.; and Martin Feldman, Salomon Smith Barney, New York, New York.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 24.

**ALASKA NATIVE LAND RIGHTS**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 1488, to ratify an agreement between the Aleut Corporation and the United States to exchange land rights received under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for certain land interests on Adak Island, and a proposed committee amendment to S. 1488, to provide for the transfer of personal property at the Adak Naval Complex in Alaska to the Aleut Corporation, after receiving testimony from John R. Garamendi, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; William J. Cassidy, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Conversion and Redevelopment); and Elary Gromoff, Aleut Corporation, Anchorage, Alaska; and

S. 1670, to provide for the selection of lands by certain Native Alaskan veterans of the Vietnam era, after receiving testimony from John R. Garamendi, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; and Nelson N. Angapak, Sr., Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nomination of Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit;

S. Res. 155, designating April 6 of each year as "National Tartan Day" to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States; and

S. Res. 198, designating April 1, 1998, as "National Breast Cancer Survivors' Day".

**INTERNATIONAL AVIATION ALLIANCES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded hearings to examine certain issues with regard to international aviation agreements, including the proposed British Airways/American Airlines alliance, focusing on antitrust implications and the impact of alliances on airline marketing practices, after receiving testimony from John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Charles A. Hunnicutt, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs; Joel I. Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Robert J. Ayling, British Airways, and Richard Branson, Virgin Atlantic Airways, both of London, England; Gordon Bethune, Continental Airlines, Houston,

Texas; Robert L. Crandall, American Airlines, Fort Worth, Texas; Gerald Greenwald, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois; Leo F. Mullin, Delta Airlines, Atlanta, Georgia; and Stephen M. Wolf, US Airways, Arlington, Virginia.

**HEALTH INSURANCE STANDARDS**

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (P.L. 104-191), focusing on its impact on consumers, issuers of health coverage, State insurance regulators and federal regulators, after receiving testimony from Representative Nancy Johnson; Nancy-Ann Min Deparle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Meredith Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefits; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Kansas State Senator Sandy Praeger, Topeka, on behalf of the Reforming States Group; Maine Superintendent of Insurance Alessandro Iuppa, Augusta, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Gail Shearer, Consumers Union, and Bill Gradison, Health Insurance Association of America, both of Washington, D.C.; and Donald Will Moran, The Lewin Group, Fairfax, Virginia.

**SMITHSONIAN/KENNEDY CENTER/  
WOODROW WILSON CENTER**

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 and operations of the Smithsonian Institution, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, after receiving testimony from I. Michael Heyman, Secretary, Constance Newman, Under Secretary, and Dennis J. O'Connor, Provost, all of the Smithsonian Institution; Lawrence J. Wilker, President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; and Dean W. Anderson, Acting Director, and Samuel F. Wells, Deputy Director, both of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 25.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 3474, 3503–3527; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 247, were introduced. Pages H1335–37

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 3113, to reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (H. Rept. 105–455). Page H1335

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Fossella to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1301

**Journal:** By a recorded vote of 359 ayes to 49 noes, Roll No. 60, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 18. Pages H1301, H1306

**Tropical Forest Conservation Act:** The House passed H.R. 2870, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests, by a recorded vote of 356 ayes to 61 noes, Roll No. 63. Pages H1307–19

Agreed To:

The Gilman amendment that requires the President to notify congressional committees at least 15 days in advance of each reduction of debt to the United States as a result of loans under the Foreign Assistance Act; credits extended under the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act; and specified loans and credits eligible for sale, reduction, or cancellation under the authority to engage in debt-for-nature swaps and debt buyback; and Pages H1314, H1317–18

The Vento en bloc amendment that makes eligible grants for the research and identification of medicinal uses of tropical forest plant life to treat human diseases; and requires consultation with indigenous leaders by the Enterprise for the Americas Board with respect to a tropical forest fund in the beneficiary country and region as appropriate. Pages H1314–19

H. Res. 388, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 59. Pages H1304–06

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of March 23. Page H1320

**Meeting Hour—Monday, March 23:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 23. Page H1320

**Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 24:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 23, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, for Morning-Hour debate. Page H1320

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 25. Pages H1320–21

**Presidential Message—Legislative Proposal:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his legislative proposal entitled the "National and Community Service Amendments Act of 1998"—referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–231). Page H1321

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1301.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1337–74.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea and nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1305–06, H1306, H1317–18, H1318–19, and H1319. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the DEA, and on NOAA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, DEA; Donna Bucella, Director, Executive Office, U.S. Attorneys; and Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Power Marketing Administrations. Testimony was heard from the following Administrators of the

Power Administrations, Department of Energy: Rodney L. Adelman, Alaska; John S. Robertson, Acting, Bonneville Power Administration; Charles A. Borchardt, Southeastern; Michael A. Deihl, Administrator, Southwestern; and Michael S. HacsKaylo, Acting, Western Area.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Secretary of Agriculture and the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Agriculture: Dan Glickman, Secretary; and James Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Institute of Drug Abuse, the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute on Aging. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Alan I. Leshner, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse; Enoch Gordis, M.D., Director, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Steven E. Hyman, M.D., Director, National Institute of Mental Health; and Richard J. Hodes, M.D., Director, National Institute on Aging.

### NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

### TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the FEC and the U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from Scott E. Thomas, Vice Chairman, FEC, and Chairman, Finance Committee; and Marvin T. Runyon, Postmaster General and CEO, U.S. Postal Service.

### VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, held a hearing on American Battle Monuments Commission, and the Office of Inspector General, FDIC. Testimony was heard from Gen. Fred Worner, Chairman, American Battle Monuments Commission; and Gaston Gianni, Jr., Inspector General, FDIC.

### TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment continued hearings on the Tobacco Settlement, with emphasis on views of the public. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### GAO FINDING—ALLEGED MEDICARE IMPROPRIETIES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on GAO's Investigative Findings of Alleged Medicare Improprieties by a Home Health Agency. Testimony was heard from Eljay B. Bowron, Assistant Comptroller General, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Linda Ruiz, Director, Program Integrity, Health Care Financing Administration; and George F. Grob, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Evaluations and Inspections.

### HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998.

### SMALL BUSINESS PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 3310, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1998.

The Committee also approved Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

### CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY ISSUES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Laws concluded hearings on the consumer bankruptcy issues in H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998, H.R. 2500, Responsible Borrower Protection Bankruptcy Act; and H.R. 3146, Consumer Lenders and Borrowers Bankruptcy Accountability Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Trusteees: Patricia A. Staiano, Region 3 and Kevyn, Orr, Deputy Director, Executive Office; Robert F. Hershner, Jr., Chief Bankruptcy Judge, Middle District of Georgia; Michael J. Kaplan, Chief Bankruptcy Judge, Western District of New York; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

Testimony was heard from Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary, Commerce and Commissioner, Patent and Trademarks, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### **RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 1524, Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hutchinson and Baldacci; Hobart Henson, Director, Office of State, Local and International Training, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS CASELOAD**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on the pending and anticipated caseload of naturalization applications. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice: James S. Angus, Acting Executive Director, Office of Naturalization Operations; and Edward J. Murphy, Deputy Director, Office of Naturalization Operations.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AUTHORIZATION REQUEST**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on the Department of Energy fiscal year 1999 authorization request and related matters. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Federico F. Pena, Secretary; Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary, Defense Programs; James M. Owendoff, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; and Rose E. Gottemoeller, Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security.

#### **RUSSIAN NUCLEAR SECURITY ISSUES**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on Russian nuclear security issues. Testimony was heard from Gen. Alexander Lebed, (Rtd.) former Secretary Russian Security Council.

#### **ROYALTY ENHANCEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 3334, Royal Enhancement Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Quarterman, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; Jim Geringer, Governor, State of Wyoming, and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following: S. 1213 and H.R. 2547, Oceans Act of 1997, and the Ocean Commission Act. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; and Kenneth Brink, Chairman, Ocean Studies Board, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

#### **NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL—IMPACT ON NATIONAL FORESTS**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Impact and Status of Northern Spotted Owl on National Forests. Testimony was heard from Representative Herger; James Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Gerry Jackson, Assistant Director, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT BUDGET REQUEST**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held an oversight hearing on FY 99 Budget Request: Human Space Flight. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Joe Rothenberg, Associate Administrator, Office of Space Flight; Brig. Gen. (Select) Kevin Chilton, USAF, Deputy Program Manager, Space Station Program Office and Tommy Holloway, Program Manager, Space Shuttle Program Office, both at the Johnson Space Center.

#### **SBA BUDGET**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on SBA Budget. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; Jack Lew, Deputy Director, OMB; and public witnesses.

#### **CHARITABLE GIVING PARTNERSHIP ACT**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Empowerment held a hearing on H.R. 3241, Charitable Giving Partnership Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Coats; Representatives Myrick and Salmon; David Long, member, Senate, State of Indiana; and public witnesses.

#### **FAA AND AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and Airport Improvement Program. Testimony was heard from Gerald L. Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 25.

#### **VETERANS LEGISLATION; VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action Fiscal Year 1999 Construction Authorization legislation.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on quality management at the Veterans Health Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health; and John Mather, M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Health Care Inspections; and public witnesses.

#### **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held an oversight hearing on implementation of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Olivia A. Golden, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families; and Howard Rolston, Director, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families; Daniel Weinberg, Division Chief, Housing and Household Economic Statistics, Bureau of the Cen-

sus, Department of Commerce; J. Jean Rogers, Administrator, Division of Economic Support, Department of Health and Social Services, State of Wisconsin; Don Winstead, Welfare Reform Administrator, Department of Children and Families, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERHEAD SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE STUDY**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Overhead Signals Intelligence Study. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1998**

##### **Senate**

No committee meetings are scheduled.

##### **House**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* executive, hearing on Overhead Acquisition Issues, 9 a.m., executive, hearing on Imagery Intelligence Issues, 12:30 p.m., and, executive, hearing on Signals Intelligence Issues, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Friday, March 20

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Monday, March 23

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will resume consideration of Treaty Doc. 105-36, NATO Enlargement.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Pro Forma Session.

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